



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5792

LCO No. 2450

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSET TEST USED TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-191 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (c) To be eligible for cash assistance under the program, a person
5 shall (1) be (A) eighteen years of age or older; (B) a minor found by a
6 court to be emancipated pursuant to section 46b-150 of the 2008
7 supplement to the general statutes; (C) under eighteen years of age and
8 a member of a family eligible for cash or medical assistance under the
9 program; or (D) under eighteen years of age and the commissioner
10 determines good cause for such person's eligibility, and (2) not have
11 assets exceeding [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars. No person
12 who is a substance abuser and refuses or fails to enter available,
13 appropriate treatment shall be eligible for cash assistance under the
14 program until such person enters treatment. No person whose benefits
15 from the temporary family assistance program have terminated as a

- 16 result of time-limited benefits or for compliance with a program
17 requirement shall be eligible for cash assistance under the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-191(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the availability of a safety net for individuals who lose state-administered general assistance benefits by increasing the asset test used to determine eligibility for the program from two hundred fifty dollars to one thousand dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]